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**IDAHO GAMEBIRD FARM QUARANTINED**  
**Low-pathogenic avian influenza found in Idaho flock**

Boise— The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Bureau of Animal Industries is investigating a confirmed detection of a low-pathogenic avian influenza virus (LPAI) at a southwestern Idaho gamebird farm. It is NOT the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus that has spread through birds in Asia, Europe and Africa. LPAI often is found in wild birds and typically causes only minor sickness or no noticeable symptoms. ***LPAI poses little to no risk to human health; no human illnesses have been associated with this occurrence.***

ISDA has quarantined the farm and initiated its avian influenza response plan in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The plan includes epidemiological investigations, further testing of the flock and contacting neighboring gamebird and poultry farms.

ISDA encourages all poultry producers to be aware of the signs of illness in their birds, including: coughing, sneezing, respiratory distress, decreased egg production, swelling of the head, comb and wattles and sudden death. If a producer notices any of these symptoms, they should contact Dr. Bill Barton, ISDA State Veterinarian by calling 208-332-8540.

Additional information about avian influenza can be found at  
<http://www.ars.usda.gov/News/docs.htm?docid=11244>

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